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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :  
Martin SOMMER et al. : Examiner: CHEVALIER, Alicia Ann  
Serial No.: 09/780,618 : Group Art Unit: 1772  
Filed: February 12, 2001  
For: MOLDED ELEMENT THAT CONSISTS OF BRITTLE-FRACTURE MATERIAL

**REPLY**

Box: **After Final**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on August 25, 2004, please amend the claims as follows and consider the remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.